Dear Kathy and Bud, 11/4/77

Thanks for your mailing of Quin Shea's 10/18 with attachments, to you. I'm making a copy for Jim because he should have sent the same thing to me and didn't.

In the stack of to-be-copied that Lil will be addressing when she has all the copying done for FOIA matters is a similar thing to me from the Archives. I've already marked it for a copy for you. I presume you also should have received it.

I guess I'm not one of Shea's favored. He pays high compliments, I think.

Perhaps you might want to talk to Jim about the DJ and JFK records. We plan something. I believe that for several reasons I am in a special position. One of these reasons is that I've asked for everything, have no request less than almost 2 years old and have requests going back to 1968 that have received no response. In addition, I now have records in which non-compliance was ordered. So we are going to ask for them with a total remission of all costs, as we have already in C.A.75-1996.

If this happens or if I can get the money and pay subject to the reservation of rights and sue I'd be quite happy for the records to go to a xeroxer and for copies to be available to all who want them before I receive them. I'm in no hurry to read them. I've got more than I can think of doing.

The accounts, which I've not seen, appear to understate from what George Lardner tells me. Jim said Mary or someone had told you of a coming 40,000 pages. Then there was a story saying two hunks each this size, I'm told. (I didn't even see the TV accounts.) Lardner says the first of the two will be of 80,000 pages.

Were I in the best of health I don't believe many people would consider that I'd be getting 80,000 or more pages for myself when I'm 54. Well, maybe the Pratts would. Henceforth he surely will believe anything against me. And I've already begun the university deposit, about 10 file drawers of older records.

Under any circumstances we are going to make this effort. I suggest you might want to talk to Jim in the event you have any ideas. If and when I get them they'll still be available for copying but from here that bulk presents insuperable obstacles for copying.

If something does or can work out, remember Xerox 9200 or any improvement. It is a fantastic machine that makes two copies per second and collates up to 50 sets at the same time. The cost per copy to the one who rents the machine is I think about a half cent. He requires high volume to pay the rental costs.

We've got a lot of stuff to go along with such a request. If I haven't been all over the tube with it. Some I've not yet had to bother Jim with but we'll be getting to that. Among the gems I've gotten under PA is the actual scheming to "stop" me. They really did it. They planned it all in the FBI, where they were going to "stop" me by having a spurious libel suit filed against me. They being the daddy of the records, the FBI. Which has not responded for my FOIA requests for them going back to 1966, while cashing all my DJ 116 checks.

If you are getting any records from the CIA or have gotten any, if you have any lists please let Jim have them. I've requested all. My first requests go back to 1971. On that I've some of their records indicating that they deliberately misled the general counsel so he'd lie to Jim, as he did, in writing. Because I have asked for all they are refusing to comply with separate requests easier to meet, like Oswald intercepts.... But in time we'll get to them.

Thanks and best,